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SUBJ: REFERENCE NEWS REPRINT ON US FOREIGN POLICY

1. USLO HAS OBTAINED A PARTIAL DECEMBER 31, 1977 REFERENCE
NEWS (TS'ANKAO HSIAOHSI) CARRYING SEVERAL ARTICLES ON
US FOREIGN POLICY. THE RESTRICTED-CIRCULATION DAILY
CARRIES ON THE TOP HALF OF ITS FRONT PAGE A TRANSLATION
OF A DECEMBER 27 CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR ARTICLE
ENTITLED "THE WORLD SITUATION: OUTLOOK FOR 1978. THE
ARTICLE CONTAINS ONLY THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH ON SINO-US
RELATIONS: "RELATIONS BETWEEN THE US AND CHINA ARE
STALLED, AND IT APPEARS THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION
IS NOT BEING AS ACTIVIST IN ITS RELATIONS WITH CHINA AS IT IS
IN ITS RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION."
THE REST OF THE ARTICLE SURVEYS US RELATIONS WITH THE
REST OF THE WORLD, NOTING THAT US RELATIONS WITH THE
SOVIET UNION ARE STABLE BUT COULD GET "COMPLICATED" AND DIFFICULT
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IF THE SOVIETS STEP UP INTERFERENCE IN WORLD TROUBLE SPOTS
OR THE US PRESSES TOO HARD ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN COMMUNIST COUNTRIES.
THE GREATEST PROBLEM IN ASIA IS GIVEN AS ECONOMIC RELATIONS WITH
JAPAN.

2. OTHER ARTICLES ARE TRANSLATIONS OF A DECEMBER 29
WASHINGTON DATELINE USIS REPORT ON THE PRESIDENT'S

6-NATION TOUR AND TWO DECEMBER 29 WARSAW DATELINE
REUTERS REPORTS ON THE VISIT TO POLAND (THESE STORIES
COVER THE REMAINING HALF OF THE FRONT PAGE), EXCERPTS
OF A DECEMBER 23 WASHINGTON POST STORY ON THE US-
SOVIET DIALOGUE AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, AND A
DECEMBER 27 MOSCOW DATELINE ASSOCIATED PRESS YEAR-END
SUMMARY OF US-SOVIET RELATIONS. THE LATTER ARTICLE
NOTES THAT THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION ELICITED THE
KREMLIN'S IRE WITH ITS EARLY PROPOSAL ON ARMS LIMITATIONS
AND ITS DEMARCHES ON HUMAN RIGHTS. AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A CLOSE,
HOWEVER, RLATIONS ARE SMOOTHING BECAUSE OF PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN THE
ALL-IMPORTANT SALT TALKS, THE ARTICLE SAYS. THE ARTICLE QUOTES A
HIGH LEVEL DIPLOMAT AS SAYING THAT A SUCCESSFUL SALT AGREEMENT
IN 1978 WILL HAVE A BENEFICIAL INFLUENCE IN MOST OTHER AREAS OF
BILATERAL RELATIONS.

3. COPIES OF TS'ANKAO HSIAOHSI BEING POUCHED TO HONG KONG AND
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